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Commissioner:

The Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance in above-referenced application. Upon file review, the Applicants have noted that two of the references submitted in an IDS on September 12, 2001 (copy enclosed) were not acknowledged as being reviewed by the Examiner and have an indication of "not supplied" written thereon.

However, these unacknowledged references were previously submitted in the parent case Serial No. 09/026884 on December 31, 1998 and were considered and acknowledged by the Examiner on December 1, 2000. (copy enclosed)

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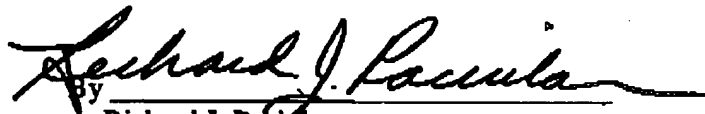
As can be seen by the enclosures provided herewith the IDS submissions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a) - (d) in both the present application and its parent application have been properly complied with.

Accordingly, the Applicants request that the two references listed under "Other Documents" in the IDS submission of September 22, 2001 in the present application be considered and acknowledged.

Given that the Issue Fee payment due date for the present application is August 17, 2005, the Applicants request that such consideration and acknowledgement be undertaken at the Examiner's earliest convenience, and that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability pursuant thereto be issued as soon as possible thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO-1449 listing the references that are known to applicant. The references listed thereon are not enclosed because they were of record in the parent application, Application No. 09/026,884, filed February 19, 1998. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

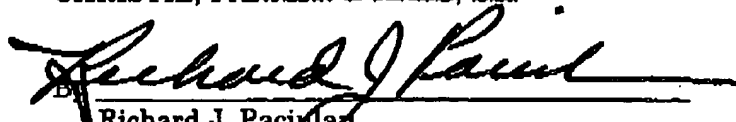
It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of FORM PTO-1449 be entered in the

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant(s) brings the following documents to the Examiner's attention in the above-captioned application.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,063,220 issued Dec. 13, 1977 to Metcalfe et al.;
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3. U.S. Patent No. 5,319,641 issued Jun. 7, 1994 to Fridrich et al.;
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5. Capetanakis, "Tree Algorithms for Packet Broadcast Channels", IEEE Transaction on Information Theory, Vol. 1T-25, September 1979, 13 pages; and
6. Whetten, "The Packet Starvation Effect in CSMA/CD LANs and a Solution", "19th Conference on Local Computer Networks", IEEE Computer Society, October 1994, pages 206-216.

A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed.

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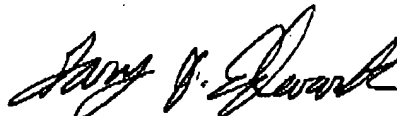
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